

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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For: GAME MACHINE, GAME MUSIC OUTPUT METHOD, INFORMATION STORAGE MEDIUM, GAME PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION DEVICE, AND GAME PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

Claim 4, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of claims 1 through 3" to --claim 1 or claim 2--.

Claim 5, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of claims 1 through 3" to --claim 1 or claim 2--.

Claim 6, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of claims 1 through 3" to --claim 1 or claim 2--.

**Please add the following new claims:**

--33. A game machine according to claim 3, wherein

a tempo of the connection music is determined based on a tempo of the main part of the first original music.

34. A game machine according claim 3, wherein

a tempo of the connection music is determined based on a tempo of the main part of the second original music.

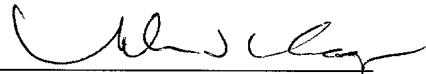
35. A game machine according to claim 3, further comprising:

connection music tempo control means for controlling a tempo of the connection music so as to gradually vary from a tempo based on a tempo of the main part of the first original music to a tempo based on a tempo of the main part of the second original music.--

**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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